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May 29, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

58 May 29, 2012

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TWO GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT TO REPLACE WINDSTORM DAMAGED AND
MISSING TREES IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF ALTADENA AND
LA CRESCENTA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to submit two grant applications in amount up to \$100,000 each to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District. The grants will be used to fund the replacement of fallen County parkway trees resulting from the December 1, 2011, windstorm and the replacement of missing parkway trees in the unincorporated communities of Altadena and La Crescenta.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt the resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works or her designee to submit two grant applications in amount up to \$100,000 each to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for tree planting services in the unincorporated communities of Altadena and La Crescenta in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to apply for grant funding from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to replace windstorm damaged and missing trees in the unincorporated communities of Altadena and La Crescenta.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The grants will provide external funding sources and improved infrastructure, enhancing the quality of life in the affected communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated cost for tree replacements in the unincorporated communities of Altadena and La Crescenta are \$100,000 each. The \$200,000 required to fund both projects is included in the Recommended Fiscal Year 2012-13 Road Fund Budget. The grant funding will reimburse \$100,000 to each project location.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996, the people of the County of Los Angeles enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (Propositions), which among other uses provide funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation. These Propositions also created the District to administer said funds and set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions.

On December 1, 2011, a windstorm damaged or destroyed numerous trees in the western San Gabriel Valley. In order to mitigate the damage caused by this windstorm, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich has offered a total of \$2,500,000 from the Fifth Supervisorial District Excess Funds made available by the Propositions for a competitive Tree Planting Grant Program (Program) in the Fifth Supervisorial District. The Program requires a resolution from the governing body of the applicant agency or nonprofit organization authorizing the application for funds. Enclosed is the resolution authorizing Public Works to submit two grant applications.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to Section 15304(b) of CEQA guidelines and Class 4(c) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for new landscaping.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The grants will supplement the County's Parkway Tree Program with additional funding to plant parkway trees in the unincorporated communities of Altadena and La Crescenta.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and the signed resolution to the Department of Public Works, Road Maintenance Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR TREE PLANTING GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
FOR THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDING

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996, enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (hereinafter referred to as "PROPOSITIONS"), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County of Los Angeles (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY") for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the PROPOSITIONS also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (hereinafter referred to as "DISTRICT") to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT'S procedures require the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (hereinafter referred to as "PUBLIC WORKS") to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that PUBLIC WORKS must comply with; and

WHEREAS, PUBLIC WORKS will enter into an Agreement with the DISTRICT to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles:

1. Approves the filing of two applications with the DISTRICT for the Fifth Supervisorial District Excess Funds for the Tree Planting projects for the Altadena and La Cresenta areas; and
2. Certifies that PUBLIC WORKS understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that PUBLIC WORKS has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects in perpetuity; and
4. Appoints the Director of Public Works or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 29th day of May, 2012, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessments and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities, for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By [Signature]
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI
Acting County Counsel

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Deputy

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